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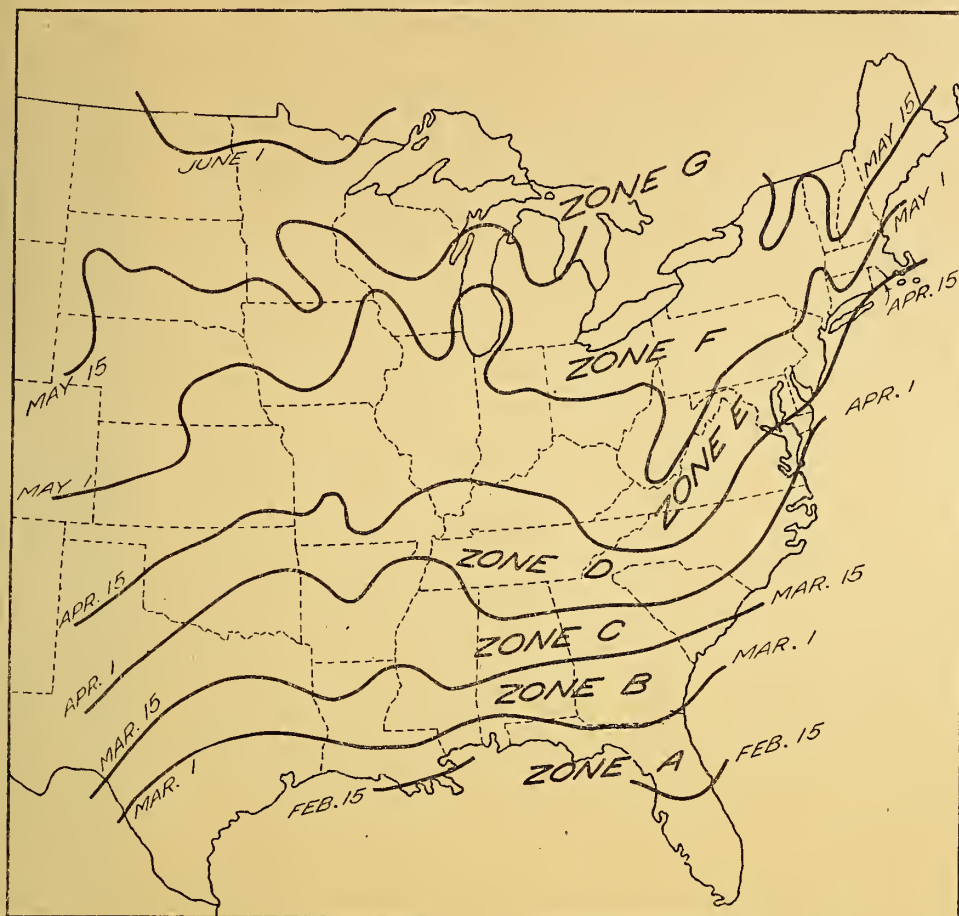
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PLANTING ZONES FOR VEGETABLES IN THE EASTERN HALF OF THE UNITED STATES

(Based on average dates of last killing frosts in spring)



The dates given for planting in the seven zones into which the eastern part of the United States has been divided are considered to be the best for planting. Earlier and later plantings often can be made, however, with fair chances of success.

PLANTING DATES BY VEGETABLE GROUPS

Zone	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
A.....	Jan. 1 to Feb. 1	Feb. 1 to Feb. 15	Feb. 15 to Mar. 1	Mar. 1 to Mar. 15
B.....	Feb. 1 to Feb. 15	Feb. 15 to Mar. 1	Mar. 1 to Mar. 15	Mar. 15 to Apr. 1
C.....	Feb. 15 to Mar. 1	Mar. 1 to Mar. 15	Mar. 15 to Apr. 1	Apr. 1 to Apr. 15
D.....	Mar. 1 to Mar. 15	Mar. 15 to Apr. 1	Apr. 1 to May 1	May 1 to May 15
E.....	Mar. 15 to Apr. 1	Apr. 1 to May 1	May 1 to May 15	May 15 to June 1
F.....	Apr. 15 to May 1	May 1 to May 15	May 15 to June 1	May 15 to June 15
G*.....	May 1 to May 15	May 15 to June 1	May 15 to June 15	(†)

* For the crops grown.

† Season too short for this group.

GROUP 1 (may be planted two weeks before last killing frost).—Early cabbage plants from hotbed or seed box, radishes, collards, onion sets, early smooth peas, kale, early potatoes, turnips, and mustard.

GROUP 2 (may be planted about the date of the last killing frost).—Beets, parsnips, carrots, lettuce, salsify, spinach, wrinkled peas, cauliflower plants, celery seed, onion seed, parsley, sweet corn, and Chinese cabbage.

GROUP 3 (should be planted two weeks after last killing frost).—Snap beans, okra, and tomato plants.

GROUP 4 (cannot be planted until ground is well warmed up, about a month after last hard frosts).—Lima beans, pepper plants, eggplant, cucumbers, melons, squash, and sweet potatoes.

Earliest Safe Dates for Planting in the Open, in the Zones Illustrated in Map

Crop	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D	Zone E	Zone F	Zone G
Asparagus	Not grown	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 1-June 1
Artichoke, Globe.....	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 15	Not grown	Not grown	Not grown
Artichoke, Jerusalem	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-May 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Not grown	Not grown
Beans, snap.....	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-30	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1	May 15-June 15
Beans, Lima.....	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	May 1-15	May 15-June 1	May 15-June 15	
Beets	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Brussels sprouts	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Cabbage	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Jan. 15-Feb. 15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Carrots	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 1-June 1
Cauliflower	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 1-June 1
Celery	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 1-June 1
Chard	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 1-June 1
Collards	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-June 1
Corn, sweet.....	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 1-June 1	May 15-June 15
Cucumbers	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 15	May 1-June 1	May 15-June 15	June 1-15
Eggplant	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	May 1-15	May 15-June 1	May 15-June 15	
Garlic	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Kale	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Kohl-rabi	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Lettuce (leaf).....	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Lettuce (head).....	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Melons	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 15	May 1-June 1	June 1-15	
Mustard	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Okra or gumbo.....	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-30	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1	June 1-15
Onion sets.....	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Onion seeds.....	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Parsley	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Parsnip	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Peas, smooth.....	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-June 1
Peas, wrinkled.....	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Peppers	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 15	May 1-June 1	June 1-15	
Potatoes, Irish.....	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Potatoes, sweet.....	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-June 1	June 1-15	
Pumpkins	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-June 1	June 1-15	
Radish	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15
Rhubarb	Not grown	Not grown	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Salsify	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Spinach	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15	May 15-June 1
Squash	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 15	May 1-June 1	June 1-15	
Tomatoes	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-June 1	May 15-June 15	June 1-15
Turnips	Jan. 1-Feb. 1	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 15-May 1	May 1-15

EDITORS: NOTE that the dates given on this sheet are general averages. The last frost in 1918 may occur before or after the average date.

It is suggested that you preserve this sheet for reference. If you desire to publish the safe planting dates you need use only the information directly applicable in your zone, which can be made into a one-column table. The nearest station of the U. S. Weather Bureau will be glad to give you more specific information regarding the frost-free date in your community.



